GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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INCLUSION OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA IN WORKING JOURNALIST ACT
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to include electronic media in the Working Journalists Act,1955 and also in the jurisdiction of Press Council of India;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether there is any representations to change the name of Press Council of India into Media Council of India; and

(d)if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) : The Working Journalists Act, 1955 is administered by Ministry of Labour & Employment, who have sought comments of the Ministry of I&B on the issue of inclusion of electronic media under the Act. Ministry of I&B does not have any proposal to include electronic media in the jurisdiction of Press Council of India.

(c) & (d):The proposal of PCI regarding change of name of PCI into Media Council of India, was considered, but not agreed to.